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Best Regards,
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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I have worked in the IT industry for several years and recently became certified as a Systems Engineer. I am very excited about my field, because it has allowed me the opportunity to grow with the rapidly changing industry. During my time in this industry I have had the opportunity to truly admire different companies for what their efforts have done to improve the IT industry. Microsoft is one such company. From the very beginning, Microsoft took the lead in the game with solid innovation that resulted in high-quality products that are easily accessible to consumers at very reasonable prices. I admire Microsoft because they exemplify success.

It is sad to see that they are now being punished for the same some success that help build the country's IT industry. This is shameful betrayal of the spirit of free enterprise! I am writing to ask that you do all that is within your power to end this matter. I believe that terms of the settlement were well reviewed, are fair, and should be formalized as soon as possible and release Microsoft to spread its wings of innovation once again. Looking at the concessions that Microsoft has already made--releasing protocols, code, and intellectual property -- it is fair to assume that their will be no further antitrust violations.

So please wrap this up. The public is counting on you.

Sincerely,

Dan Marinescu

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